

STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

December Meeting Summary



Date | time December 11, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

Meeting called to order by Callie Cartmell, Youth Representative & SIAC Chair Elect

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

Callie Cartmell, Youth Representative & SIAC Chair Elect, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting.

Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, informed the Council that Ms. Cartmell would be leading the meeting today as the Chair had resigned and the Vice Chair was unavailable.

- **Lynette Ponder**, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS), reported that Vice Chair Elizabeth Caywood wanted to be at the meeting today, but she was meeting with Acting Secretary Eric Friedlander. Ms. Ponder stated that even though DCBS is in transition, the focus remains on the families they serve.
- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, reported there is a Special Education Summit December 17 in Marshall County and a webinar December 19 (*Mapping Dreams: Transition to Employment and Independent Living*). Ms. Logsdon provided a handout [See Meeting Handout] providing specifics for the Summits and webinars. Ms. Logsdon reported they are working on an information sheet with HDI. There is a new Community of Practice for Supporting Families Initiative with KY-SPIN, HDI, and Commonwealth Council on Developmental Disabilities. Kentucky was one of three states selected for the grant. Ms. Logsdon voiced concern about truancy resulting in legal charges against the parents, specifically in Adair County, when the absences are a manifestation of their disabilities. Both Rachel Bingham, AOC, and Lynette Ponder, DCBS, responded to Ms. Logsdon's concerns with offers of resources/assistance.
- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent Representative, reported she and Ms. Cartmell participated in the joint meeting November 16-17 at Barren River State Park; both facilitated a session to discuss barriers for parent and youth representatives as related to RIAC. Ms. Mercier reported that some concerns listed included: no real voice for the families and youth, not being notified about available trainings, transportation barriers, and lack of marketing. Ms. Mercier reported she and Ms. Cartmell will work with Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator on resolutions to the barriers. Ms. Mercier reported she and Ms. Cartmell will be traveling to all the RIACs to observe.
- **Ivy Alexander**, Office for Children with Special Healthcare Needs (OCSHCN), reported the needs assessment for maternal and child health is in full swing now. OCSHCN is collaborating with DPH. Ms. Alexander stated they want to obtain as much feedback as possible. They are seeking input for maternal and child health, women of child-bearing age, children, youth, infants and children with special health care needs.
- **Damien Sweeney**, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), reported KDE is working on a guidance document for multi-tiered systems of support, which is a prevention-based framework, for our schools. Dr. Sweeney reported No Name-Calling Week is January 20-24, and the Social & Emotional Health & Wellness Standing Committee will be discussing ways to help with those efforts in schools. Dr. Sweeney also reminded the Council that many students do not look forward to winter break and the holidays, and many students are lacking meals and/or resources such as cold-weather apparel. Dr. Sweeney said that if anyone has an opportunity to assist, please work with your FRYSCs to help.
- **Koleen Slusher**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported interviews were completed for the statewide youth leadership coordinator position for the System of Care grant. Ms. Slusher reported DBHDID is working on the notice of funding for providers for the System of Care Grant; RIAC funding applications were received and reviewed; and the System of Care Academy will be June 9-11 at the Marriot Griffin Gate. Ms. Slusher stated the call for presentations is open until the end of January.

- **Missy Ross**, Council on Post-secondary Education (CPE), reported the Institute for a College-Going Culture: Calling all Culture-Carriers will be in March. Ms. Ross reported there will be sessions for students, parents and educators. Contact Ms. Ross with any recommendations for presentations or speakers. Ms. Ross also stated the Outreach & Promotion Standing Committee will not be meeting today.
- **Bill Heffron**, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), reported LaShana Harris is new DJJ commissioner.
- **Ann Hollen**, Department for Medicaid Services (DMS), reported Carol Steckel resigned as DMS Commissioner, and her last day was December 6.
- **Dorothy Jenkins**, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), reported they met with the Homeless Education State Coordinator with KDE to determine how OVR can serve students that are facing homelessness. Ms. Jenkins stated this collaboration will be ongoing, and they will offer webinars with educational staff.

BUSINESS ITEMS

❖ Review of November Meeting Summary

Rachel Bingham made a motion to approve. **Dr. Heffron** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

❖ Green River RIAC Youth and Parent Member Appointments

Callie Cartmell reported a youth and a parent had each completed an application to be appointed as Green River RIAC voting members. Ms. Cartmell asked members to review the copies in the folders and stated that unless anyone objects, they will be appointed. There were no objections. Ms. Cartmell appointed the members.

❖ Request to Add a New Standing Committee

Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN, proposed creating a new standing committee with the objective evaluating the ways that Kentucky provides services to children and transition-age youth with disabilities and their families and offer recommendations to SIAC to improve their outcomes. **Damien Sweeney**, KDE, added that there is a need to disseminate information on ways that different stakeholders can access this information.

Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, informed the council that adding a standing committee, per SIAC Policy, requires a majority vote. **Rachel Bingham** made a motion to approve. **Ivy Alexander** – second to the motion. **Callie Cartmell** called for a roll call vote. There was a unanimous vote to approve the new standing committee. Ms. Cartmell appointed Ms. Logsdon as the Standing Committee Chair. Ms. Taylor stated the new Standing Committee will need Staff appointed as well and requested that anyone interested contact Ms. Logsdon or her.

❖ Legislative Updates

There were no legislative updates.

❖ New Business Item

Rachel Bingham, AOC, voiced concern about the lack of representation from the Subcommittee on Equity and Justice for all Youth (SEJAY) through the Juvenile Justice Advisory Board. Ms. Bingham reported she would like to discuss more in-depth later.

KPFC PEER SUPPORT CENTERS

Carol Cecil, Executive Director, Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children (KPFC) and **Barb Greene**, Associate Director, KPFC, presented on KPFC Peer Supports Centers. Ms. Cecil and Ms. Greene provided background information as well as the current vision, structure, and roles. Anyone or any agency can refer a family to the Peer Support Centers. For more information, contact cwcecil@kypartnership.org or Barbara@kypartnership.org. A copy of the PowerPoint is available [see Meeting Handouts].

RED STRATEGIC PLAN

Pastor Edward Palmer, Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Standing Committee Chair, presented a RED Committee Data Update. The presentation included RED Standing Committee's mission statement and strategic plan as well as data from DBHDID, AOC, DJJ, and Kentucky Court of Justice. Pastor Palmer reported preliminary outcomes of the work that is happening across the state. A copy of the PowerPoint is available [see Meeting Handouts].

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Callie Cartmell, Youth Representative & SIAC Chair Elect, asked for input on future agenda items.

- SAFESPACE Final Results and Next Steps – SAFESPACE leadership committee – January 2020
- Kentucky's 5th System of Care Grant – Vestena Robbins and Beth Jordan, DBHDID – January 2020
- National Agenda for America's Youth – Boys and Girls Club – January 2020
- SMART friends and family – Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children – TBD
- Violence Prevention Report – Christopher II X, Anti-Violence Advocate – TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT

Callie Cartmell, Youth Representative & SIAC Chair Elect, asked for any public comment. There were no public comments.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601

ADJOURNMENT

Callie Cartmell, Youth Representative & SIAC Chair Elect, adjourned the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES

STANDING COMMITTEES	MEETING LOCATION
Outreach & Promotion	Did not meet
Racial & Ethnic Disparities	Did not meet
Social & Emotional Health & Wellness	Large conference room

IN ATTENDANCE

Members/Designees:

Callie Cartmell, Youth
Lynette Ponder, DCBS
Rachel Bingham, AOC
Denitta Mercier, Parent
Koleen Slusher, DBHDID
Damien Sweeney, KDE
Ann Hollen, DMS

Missy Ross, CPE
Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN
Ivy Alexander, OCSHCN
Bill Heffron, DJJ
Kristen Martin, DPH
Dorothy Jenkins, OVR

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

Partial Guest List:

Beth Jordan, DBHDID
Sonny Mercier, SIAC Parent Alternate
Shirley Gardstein, Cumberland River RIAC
Whitney Hayse, P&A
Brittany Roberts, KPFC
Ian Rosser, KY-SPIN

Clay Barber, Gateway/FIVCO RIAC
Kathryn Tillett, KDE
Michelle Sawyer, AOC
Edward Palmer, RED Chair
Miriam Silman, DBHDID
Susan Robinson, NorthKey

Partial Guest List:

Angela Morris, AOC
Laura Edwards, DBHDID
Liz McKune, Passport
Sarah Bowling, Aetna
Eboni Blackford, AOC
Cathy Prothro, DBHDID
Anne Embry, Lifeskills
Christina Bonner, AOC
Christie Penn, DBHDID
Deborah Sauber, KDE
Stephanie Stone, Passport
Kim Bangard, AOC
LeAnn Magre, Wellcare
Kate Overberg Wagoner, DBHDID

Leigh Ann Fitzpatrick, DMS
Alex Arachikantz, AOC
Laura Beard, Prichard Committee
Kimberly Griffin, AOC
Liz Moreland, New Vista
Brittany Thompson, RBHS
Kathy Mason, Bluegrass RIAC
Diane Gruen-Kidd, DBHDID
Carol Cecil, KPFC
Barbara Greene, KPFC
Amber Collins, AOC
John Fitzpatrick, DJJ
Judy LaRue, AOC

MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.